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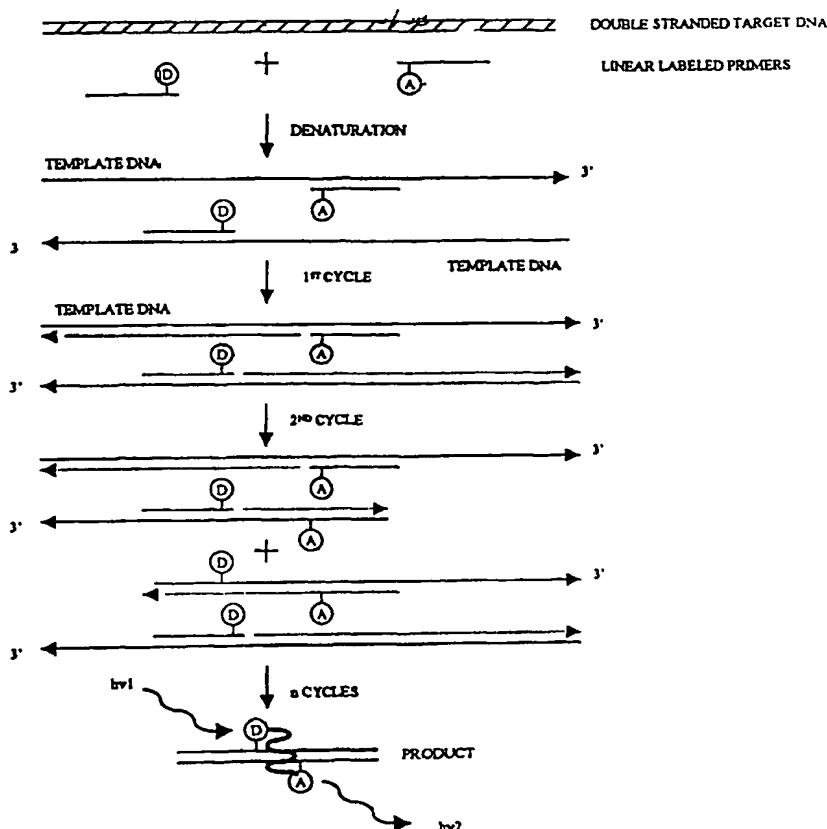
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(57) Abstract: Disclosure of a method for the detection and quantitation of polynucleotide sequences in a sample of biological or non-biological material through target polynucleotide sequence amplification whereby MET/FRET occurs between a donor moiety and an acceptor moiety provided separately on at least two separate oligonucleotides that are part of the opposite complementary strands of a nucleic acid segment.

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Claims Nos.: 62

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